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**Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022120625

Project Title: UC Merced/Merced Community College District “Promise” Intersegmental Student Affordable Housing Building

Project Applicant: University of California, Merced

Parties Undertaking Project: University of California, Merced; Merced Community College District

Project Location: Merced Campus


County: Merced County

Project Description: The UC Merced/Merced Community College District “Promise” Intersegmental Student Affordable Housing Building project to expand campus housing and support increased transfer student enrollment. This collaboration with Merced Community College District (Merced College) would provide 488 beds in an approximately 130,000-gross-square-foot building on Bellevue Road, near the campus’s main entrance and across from the El Portal residence hall. The building would also house a Transfer Student Resource Center to support transfer students’ integration into campus life and access to student services.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that the University of California Lead Agency has approved the above-described project on *January 23, 2025*, and has made the following determinations:

1. The approved project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that UC Merced/Merced Community College “Promise” Intersegmental Student Housing Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the general public at: University of California, Physical and Environmental Planning, UC Merced Downtown Campus Center 655 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340 and <https://planning.ucmerced.edu/ceqa-environmental-documents>. Please contact Phillip Woods at (209) 349-2561 or pwoods3@ucmerced.edu for any questions.

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